

**STAFF REPORT**  
Meeting Date: February 18, 2004

**Agenda Item 10**

**TO:** LAFCO Commissioners

**FROM:** Everett Millais, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Sphere of Influence Review and Update:  
LAFCO 04-01S 1 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency  
LAFCO 04-01S 2 Meiners Oaks County Water District  
LAFCO 04-01S 3 Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16  
LAFCO 04-01S 4 Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. As lead agency, determine that the sphere of influence update for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and determine that the sphere of influence updates for the Meiners Oaks County Water District, Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 and Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 are Categorically Exempt under Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.
2. Approve sphere of influence updates for:  
LAFCO 04-01S 1 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency  
LAFCO 04-01S 2 Meiners Oaks County Water District  
LAFCO 04-01S 3 Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16  
LAFCO 04-01S 4 Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19

**DISCUSSION:**

For each city and special district LAFCO must determine and adopt a sphere of influence and, "...review and update, as necessary, the adopted sphere not less than once every five years." (CA Government Code §56430(f)). In order to prepare and update spheres of influence LAFCO must conduct municipal service reviews. During 2003 the Commission

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conducted water and wastewater service reviews for the 36 agencies (cities and special districts) in the County that provide some form of water and/or wastewater services.

Based on the water and wastewater service review reports and follow-up review and discussion with the staff of each subject agency, sphere of influence updates are proposed for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; Meiners Oaks County Water District, Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16; and Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19.

### **Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency**

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency is an independent special district formed by special legislation in 1983. The District is responsible for monitoring the quality and quantity of groundwater in the Fox Canyon aquifer. In this capacity the District controls groundwater extraction from the aquifer. The current boundaries and sphere of influence are the same and comprise approximately 117,233 acres. Neither the District boundary nor the District sphere of influence has changed since the District was formed.

The service review for this District identified that the District has regulatory review of groundwater extraction in areas outside the current District boundary and sphere of influence, and noted these areas for special study. Follow-up review with District staff indicated that this extraterritorial regulatory review authority applies to an area to the north and east of the existing District sphere of influence. The District has mapped this area and considers it an expansion zone.

It is recommended that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency sphere of influence be updated and expanded to include the “expansion zone” area where the District has regulatory authority. This area, of approximately 13,747 acres, should be part of the District’s sphere of influence, even though it is unlikely that the area will be formally annexed to the District.

For CEQA purposes, it is recommended that the Commission as lead agency find this sphere of influence update exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. This is the so-called “general rule” exemption, meaning that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The District is already exercising its authority in the expansion area and no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of the recommended sphere of influence change.

When determining an agency’s sphere of influence Government Code Section 56425(d) requires the Commission to consider and prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

- (1) *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The expansion area of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency that is proposed to be included in the District’s sphere

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of influence primarily includes lands designated for open space and agricultural uses. No change is planned for any of these uses and no change in land use will result from the expansion area being included in the sphere of influence.

- (2) *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – Including the expansion area in the sphere of influence will not affect the present or probable need for public facilities and services in the area. The District is already exercising its regulatory authorities in the area.
- (3) *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The District does not provide public facilities and including the expansion area in the District's sphere of influence will not affect or change the services the District provides or is authorized to provide.
- (4) *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - There are no social or economic communities of interest in the area that are relevant to the District, except the extent of the Fox Canyon groundwater basin. The expansion area proposed to be included in the sphere of influence is considered to be contributory to the basin and, as such, is subject to regulation by the District.

#### **Meiners Oaks County Water District:**

The Meiners Oaks County Water District is an independent special district that was created in 1949. The District provides potable water to the unincorporated community of Meiners Oaks. Currently, the District sphere of influence includes approximately 1,382 acres.

As a part of the service review for this District it was noted that the District has well facilities on District owned property outside the District's current sphere of influence. This area, extending northerly up the Ventura River was identified as a special study area. A review of this area with District staff refined the areas where the District owned property and wells are located. Historical review with the County Surveyor's staff also revealed that the District owned land is actually in the District's boundaries and in the sphere of influence. Apparently, this area was dropped due to a mapping error before the start of the service review process.

It is now recommended that the District's sphere of influence be updated to correct any prior mapping errors and to include approximately 10 acres adjacent to Highway 33 near the north of the existing sphere of influence and another small area (less than an acre) adjacent to Highway 33 near the intersection of Highway 33 and Foothill Road. District staff has indicated they have some facilities on the 10 acre parcel and the small area near Highway 33 and Foothill Road is part of a larger parcel already in the District's sphere of influence and in the District's boundaries. Both of these additions are small and

the majority of the changes for this update are to correct any mapping error that may have existed.

For CEQA purposes it is recommended that the Commission as lead agency find this action to be Categorically Exempt under Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines. This change is only to recognize existing circumstances and no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of the recommended sphere of influence change.

When determining an agency's sphere of influence Government Code Section 56425(d) requires the Commission to consider and prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

- (1) *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The areas included with this sphere of influence update are agricultural. No change to the present or planned uses will result from this sphere of influence update.
- (2) *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – The District has public facilities in the areas to be included in the sphere of influence as a part of this update. No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this sphere of influence update.
- (3) *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities or the services provided by the District.
- (4) *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - There are no social or economic communities of interest in the area that are relevant to the District that affect or could be affected by this sphere of influence update.

**Ventura County Waterworks No. 16:**

Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 is a dependent district formed in 1977 with the County Board of Supervisors as the governing board. The District provides sanitary sewer service to the unincorporated community of Piru. Currently the District boundaries and sphere of influence are the same and there are approximately 338.6 acres within the District's sphere of influence.

The service review report for the District revealed that the District is and has been serving properties currently outside of the District boundaries and sphere of influence and designated this area for special study. The area involved is along both sides of Center Street to the west of the District's current boundaries and west of Warring Canyon Road, and includes the Piru Elementary School.

In reviewing this matter with District staff it was highlighted that LAFCO in 1988, after the County adopted the Piru area plan and upon application by the District, detached this

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area from the District's boundaries and in 1989 reduced the District's sphere of influence. Information provided to LAFCO at that time indicated that the District did not serve any of this area. That information was incorrect. The District has a sewer line in Center Street and has been continuously serving adjoining parcels.

In recognition that the District has existing facilities and has been continuously serving this area, it is recommended that the sphere of influence be updated to again include the parcels on both sides of Center Street where the District has a sewer line. The area involved is approximately 132.5 acres. With the exception of the Piru Elementary School, all of the parcels are designated agricultural and/or open space by the County General Plan and, therefore, are subject to the County's SOAR Ordinance. Existing development is for agricultural uses and for single-family dwellings and other low intensity uses allowed by the County's agricultural and open space zoning.

It is recommended that the Commission as lead agency for CEQA purposes find this sphere of influence update action to be Categorical Exempt under Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines. This change is only to recognize existing circumstances and no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of the recommended sphere of influence change.

When determining an agency's sphere of influence Government Code Section 56425(d) requires the Commission to consider and prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

- (1) *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The areas included with this sphere of influence update are primarily agricultural, with some open space lands and an elementary school. No change to the present or planned uses will result from this sphere of influence update.
- (2) *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – The District is already serving the parcels to included in the sphere of influence. No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this sphere of influence update.
- (3) *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities or the services provided by the District.
- (4) *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - The unincorporated community of Piru is a distinct social and economic community of interest that is served by Waterworks District No. 16. The update of the sphere of influence to include areas already served by the District with existing facilities, including the Piru Elementary School will further recognize the existing community of interest.

**Ventura County Waterworks No. 19:**

Ventura County Waterworks No. 19 is a dependent district formed in 1980 with the County Board of Supervisors as the governing board. The District provides water service to the unincorporated community of Somis and surrounding areas. There are approximately 20,316 acres in the existing sphere of influence and approximately 14,321 acres within the boundaries of the District.

The service review report for the District did not identify any significant sphere of influence issues. However, a review with the District staff has resulted in some minor changes being recommended for the sphere of influence update. There are three areas where the District boundaries and sphere of influence overlap with the boundaries and sphere of influence of the City of Camarillo:

1. A condominium complex at the northwesterly corner of the intersection of Fieldcrest Drive and Mar Vista Drive (approximately 8.24 acres including the Mar Vista frontage)
2. The site of the new City of Camarillo library at Los Posas Road and Fieldcrest Drive (approximately 11.23 acres including the Las Posas and Fieldcrest frontages).
3. A City of Camarillo water tank site in the hills above Saint John's Seminary (approximately 2.4 acres).

The District does not serve any of these three properties and, since they are being served by the City of Camarillo (or owned by the City), will not be serving them in the future. Even though all three of these sites are within the boundaries of the District, it is recommended that they be removed from the District's sphere of influence. This change will mean that at some point in the future these same sites should be detached from the District.

Separately, but in the same general location, the District serves a church at 4345 Las Posas Road (next to the new Camarillo library property). This church is currently not within the District's boundaries or the sphere of influence. To recognize that the District provides service to this church, it is recommended that the parcel and street frontage (approximately 3.7 acres in area including the Las Posas frontage) be included in the District's sphere of influence.

As lead agency it is recommended that the Commission find that the net reduction in the District's sphere of influence of approximately 18.3 acres in area is Categorically Exempt under Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines. This change is only to recognize existing circumstances and no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of the recommended sphere of influence change.

When determining an agency's sphere of influence Government Code Section 56425(d) requires the Commission to consider and prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

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- (1) *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The areas to be removed and added to the District's sphere of influence as a part of this update are all developed with urban uses or contain public facilities for the City of Camarillo. No agricultural or open space lands will be affected and there will be no change to the existing or planned land uses that will result from this update.
- (2) *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – The areas to be removed from the District's sphere of influence as a part of this update are being served by the City of Camarillo, or are owned by and contain City of Camarillo water facilities. The area to be added to the District's sphere of influence as a part of this update is outside the boundaries of the City of Camarillo and contains a church that is already being served by the District. No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District, or by the City of Camarillo, will result from this sphere of influence update.
- (3) *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities or the services provided by the District.
- (4) *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - The District's boundaries and sphere of influence overlap somewhat with the boundaries and sphere of influence of the City of Camarillo. The City of Camarillo is the primary social and economic community of interest in the areas where the District's sphere of influence will be changed by this update. The update recognizes the boundary overlap and is for the purpose of properly identifying which agency provides potable water service to the areas of overlap.

Attachments:

Resolutions for sphere of influence updates for each of the following special districts:

- LAFCO 04-01S 1 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
- LAFCO 04-01S 2 Meiners Oaks County Water District
- LAFCO 04-01S 3 Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16
- LAFCO 04-01S 4 Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19

**LAFCO 04-01S 1**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION UPDATING THE SPHERE OF  
INFLUENCE FOR THE FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the County; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425(f) requires that LAFCO review and update the adopted sphere of influence boundaries, as necessary, not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56430 requires that a municipal service review be conducted prior to or in conjunction with a sphere of influence update, and

WHEREAS, LAFCO conducted a municipal service review of the services provided by the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on December 12, 2003; and

WHEREAS, part of the information contained in the municipal service review report for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency was that this special district was exercising regulatory control over groundwater extraction in an area outside the boundaries and outside the sphere of influence of the district in an area known by the district as an "expansion zone", and

WHEREAS, a review of the ordinances and policies of the district's expansion zone confirmed that the district has the authority for this extraterritorial regulation; and

WHEREAS, the district staff has mapped the expansion zone area as accurately as possible and the area consists of approximately 13,747 acres; and

WHEREAS, it is proper for LAFCO to recognize the expansion zone as an area subject to the district's regulatory authority and to include all such area within the district's sphere of influence as a part of a sphere of influence update; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of including the expansion zone area within the sphere of influence;

WHEREAS, at the times and in the manner required by law, the Executive Officer gave notice of the consideration of this action by the Commission; and



WHEREAS, the sphere of influence update action was duly considered at a public hearing on February 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the sphere of influence update including, but not limited to, testimony at the public hearing on February 18, 2004 and the LAFCO Executive Officer's February 18, 2004, staff report and recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission:

- (1) The Executive Officer's Staff Report and Recommendation for approval of the sphere of influence update for Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, dated February 18, 2004, is adopted.
- (2) The Commission has considered the criteria set forth in Government Code §56425(e) and determines as follows:
  - a. *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The expansion area of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency that is proposed to be included in the District's sphere of influence primarily includes lands designated for open space and agricultural uses. No change is planned for any of these uses and no change in land use will result from the expansion area being included in the sphere of influence.
  - b. *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – Including the expansion area in the sphere of influence will not affect the present or probable need for public facilities and services in the area. The District is already exercising its regulatory authorities in the area.
  - c. *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The District does not provide public facilities and including the expansion area in the District's sphere of influence will not affect or change the services the District provides or is authorized to provide.
  - d. *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - There are no social or economic communities of interest in the area that are relevant to the District, except the extent of the Fox Canyon groundwater basin. The expansion area proposed to be included in the sphere of influence is considered to be contributory to the basin and, as such, is subject to regulation by the District.

- (3) The sphere of influence for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency is hereby updated to include the area shown as "proposed sphere of influence", as generally depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto.
- (4) The Commission directs staff to have the official sphere of influence geographic information system data maintained for the Ventura LAFCO by the Ventura County Public Works Agency as the official sphere of influence record for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency updated consistent with this action.
- (5) The Commission, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), hereby determines that the sphere of influence update is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (6) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as lead agency under Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

This resolution was adopted on February 18, 2004.

AYES:

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission

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**Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency  
Ventura LAFCO Proposed Sphere of Influence Update  
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**LAFCO 04-01S 2**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION UPDATING THE SPHERE OF  
INFLUENCE FOR THE MEINERS OAKS COUNTY WATER  
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the County; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425(f) requires that LAFCO review and update the adopted sphere of influence boundaries, as necessary, not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56430 requires that a municipal service review be conducted prior to or in conjunction with a sphere of influence update, and

WHEREAS, LAFCO conducted a municipal service review of the services provided by the Meiners Oaks County Water District and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on December 12, 2003; and

WHEREAS, part of the information contained in the municipal service review report for the Meiners Oaks County Water District was that this special district owns property and facilities that are currently mapped and shown as being outside of the district's sphere of influence, and

WHEREAS, a review of the boundaries and sphere of influence of the Meiners Oaks County Water District by the staff of the Ventura County Surveyor's office revealed a possible error in mapping of both the district's boundaries and sphere of influence; and

WHEREAS, the district staff has been consulted and agrees that the district's sphere of influence should include all property owned by the district and concurs with this update; and

WHEREAS, it is proper for LAFCO to correct any mapping errors that may have occurred and to include areas owned by the district and used for district purposes and related areas that have been or could easily be served by the district in the sphere of influence of the district; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of including the area within the sphere of influence;

WHEREAS, at the times and in the manner required by law, the Executive Officer gave notice of the consideration of this action by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the sphere of influence update action was duly considered at a public hearing on February 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the sphere of influence update including, but not limited to, testimony at the public hearing on February 18, 2004 and the LAFCO Executive Officer's February 18, 2004, staff report and recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission:

- (1) The Executive Officer's Staff Report and Recommendation for approval of the sphere of influence update for Meiners Oaks County Water District, dated February 18, 2004, is adopted.
- (2) The Commission has considered the criteria set forth in Government Code §56425(e) and determines as follows:
  - a. *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The areas included with this sphere of influence update are agricultural. No change to the present or planned uses will result from this sphere of influence update.
  - b. *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – The District has public facilities in the areas to be included in the sphere of influence as a part of this update. No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this sphere of influence update.
  - c. *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities or the services provided by the District.
  - d. *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - There are no social or economic communities of interest in the area that are relevant to the District that affect or could be affected by this sphere of influence update.

- (3) The sphere of influence for the Meiners Oaks County Water District is hereby updated to include the area shown as "proposed sphere of influence", as generally depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto.
- (4) The Commission directs staff to have the official sphere of influence geographic information system data maintained for the Ventura LAFCO by the Ventura County Public Works Agency as the official sphere of influence record for the Meiners Oaks County Water District updated consistent with this action.
- (5) The Commission, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), hereby determines that the sphere of influence update is categorically exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (existing facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (6) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as lead agency under Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

This resolution was adopted on February 18, 2004.

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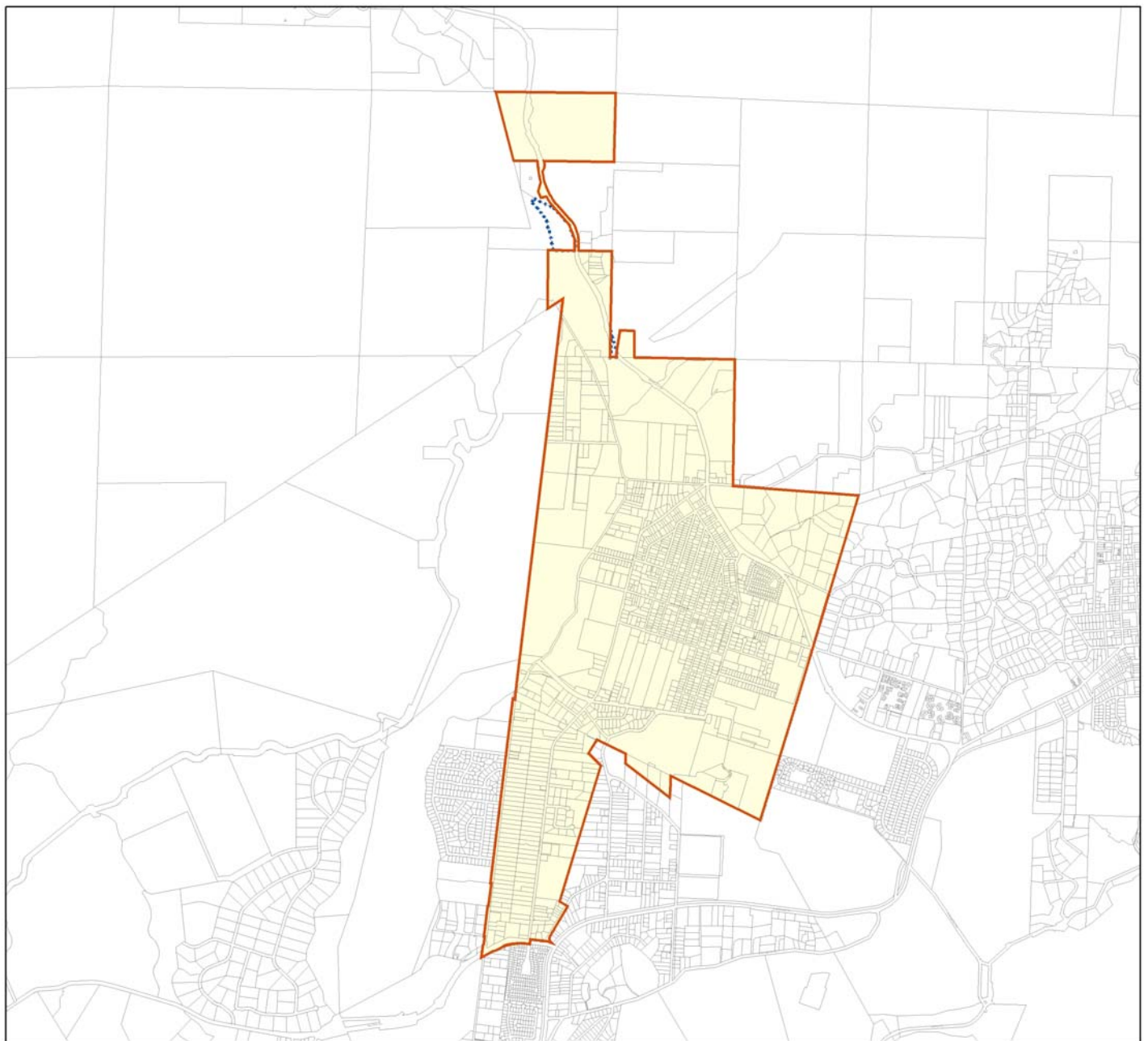
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An official map of the County of Ventura, California, as authorized by the County Board of Supervisors.



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**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION UPDATING THE SPHERE OF  
INFLUENCE FOR THE VENTURA COUNTY  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 16**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the County; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425(f) requires that LAFCO review and update the adopted sphere of influence boundaries, as necessary, not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56430 requires that a municipal service review be conducted prior to or in conjunction with a sphere of influence update, and

WHEREAS, LAFCO conducted a municipal service review of the services provided by the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on December 12, 2003; and

WHEREAS, part of the information contained in the municipal service review report for the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 was that this special district has facilities and are currently providing service outside of the district's sphere of influence, and

WHEREAS, a review of LAFCO records revealed that this area was detached from the district's boundaries in 1988 and removed from the district's sphere of influence in 1989 based on an application from the district that incorrectly indicated that this area did not contain district facilities and that the district was not providing any service to the area; and

WHEREAS, the district staff has been consulted and agrees that the district's sphere of influence should include all areas served by the district and concurs with this update; and

WHEREAS, it is proper for LAFCO to correct any errors that may have occurred and to include areas that have been continuously served by the district in the sphere of influence of the district; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of including the area within the sphere of influence;



WHEREAS, at the times and in the manner required by law, the Executive Officer gave notice of the consideration of this action by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the sphere of influence update action was duly considered at a public hearing on February 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the sphere of influence update including, but not limited to, testimony at the public hearing on February 18, 2004 and the LAFCO Executive Officer's February 18, 2004, staff report and recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission:

- (1) The Executive Officer's Staff Report and Recommendation for approval of the sphere of influence update for Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16, dated February 18, 2004, is adopted.
- (2) The Commission has considered the criteria set forth in Government Code §56425(e) and determines as follows:
  - a. *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The areas included with this sphere of influence update are primarily agricultural, with some open space lands and an elementary school. No change to the present or planned uses will result from this sphere of influence update.
  - b. *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – The District is already serving the parcels to included in the sphere of influence. No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this sphere of influence update.
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  - d. *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - The unincorporated community of Piru is a distinct social and economic community of interest that is served by Waterworks District No. 16. The update of the sphere of influence to include areas already served by the District with existing facilities, including the Piru Elementary School will further recognize the existing community of interest.

- (3) The sphere of influence for the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 is hereby updated to include the area shown as "proposed sphere of influence", as generally depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto.
- (4) The Commission directs staff to have the official sphere of influence geographic information system data maintained for the Ventura LAFCO by the Ventura County Public Works Agency as the official sphere of influence record for the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 updated consistent with this action.
- (5) The Commission, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), hereby determines that the sphere of influence update is categorically exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (existing facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.
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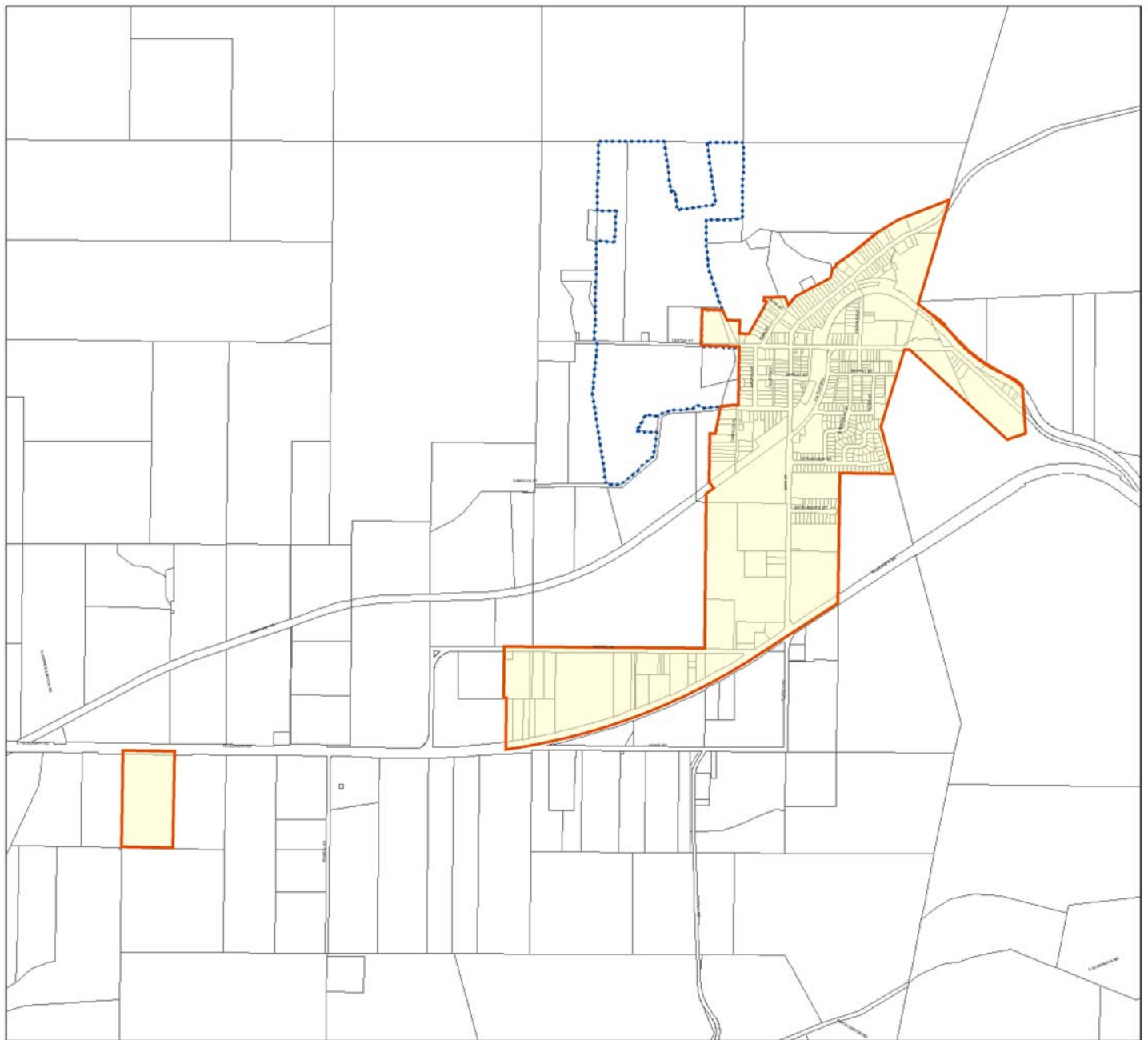
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Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16



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Ventura LAFCO Proposed Sphere of Influence Update  
February 2004**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION UPDATING THE SPHERE OF  
INFLUENCE FOR THE VENTURA COUNTY  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the County; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425(f) requires that LAFCO review and update the adopted sphere of influence boundaries, as necessary, not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56430 requires that a municipal service review be conducted prior to or in conjunction with a sphere of influence update, and

WHEREAS, LAFCO conducted a municipal service review of the services provided by the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on September 17, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the municipal service review report for the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 did not indicate any sphere of influence issues, subsequent review by district and LAFCO staff revealed several minor areas of overlap in service and sphere of influence boundaries with the City of Camarillo that should be corrected for the benefit of both the district and the City, and

WHEREAS, the district staff has been consulted and agrees that the district's sphere of influence should include all areas currently being served by the district and exclude all areas that are being served by the City of Camarillo or that contain City of Camarillo water facilities, and concurs with this update; and

WHEREAS, it is proper for LAFCO to update sphere of influence boundaries to correctly reflect the actual service area of the district; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of including the area within the sphere of influence;

WHEREAS, at the times and in the manner required by law, the Executive Officer gave notice of the consideration of this action by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the sphere of influence update action was duly considered at a public hearing on February 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the sphere of influence update including, but not limited to, testimony at the public hearing on February 18, 2004 and the LAFCO Executive Officer's February 18, 2004, staff report and recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission:

- (1) The Executive Officer's Staff Report and Recommendation for approval of the sphere of influence update for Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19, dated February 18, 2004, is adopted
- (2) The Commission has considered the criteria set forth in Government Code §56425(e) and determines as follows:
  - a. *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The areas to be removed and added to the District's sphere of influence as a part of this update are all developed with urban uses or contain public facilities for the City of Camarillo. No agricultural or open space lands will be affected and there will be no change to the existing or planned land uses that will result from this update.
  - b. *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – The areas to be removed from the District's sphere of influence as a part of this update are being served by the City of Camarillo, or are owned by and contain City of Camarillo water facilities. The area to be added to the District's sphere of influence as a part of this update is outside the boundaries of the City of Camarillo and contains a church that is already being served by the District. No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District, or by the City of Camarillo, will result from this sphere of influence update.
  - c. *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities or the services provided by the District.
  - d. *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - The District's boundaries and sphere of influence overlap somewhat with the boundaries and sphere of influence of the City of Camarillo. The City of Camarillo is the primary social and economic community of interest in the areas where the District's

sphere of influence will be changed by this update. The update recognizes the boundary overlap and is for the purpose of properly identifying which agency provides potable water service to the areas of overlap.

- (3) The sphere of influence for the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 is hereby updated to include the area shown as "proposed sphere of influence," as generally depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto.
- (4) The Commission directs staff to have the official sphere of influence geographic information system data maintained for the Ventura LAFCO by the Ventura County Public Works Agency as the official sphere of influence record for the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 updated consistent with this action.
- (5) The Commission, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), hereby determines that the sphere of influence update is categorically exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (existing facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (6) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as lead agency under Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

This resolution was adopted on February 18, 2004.

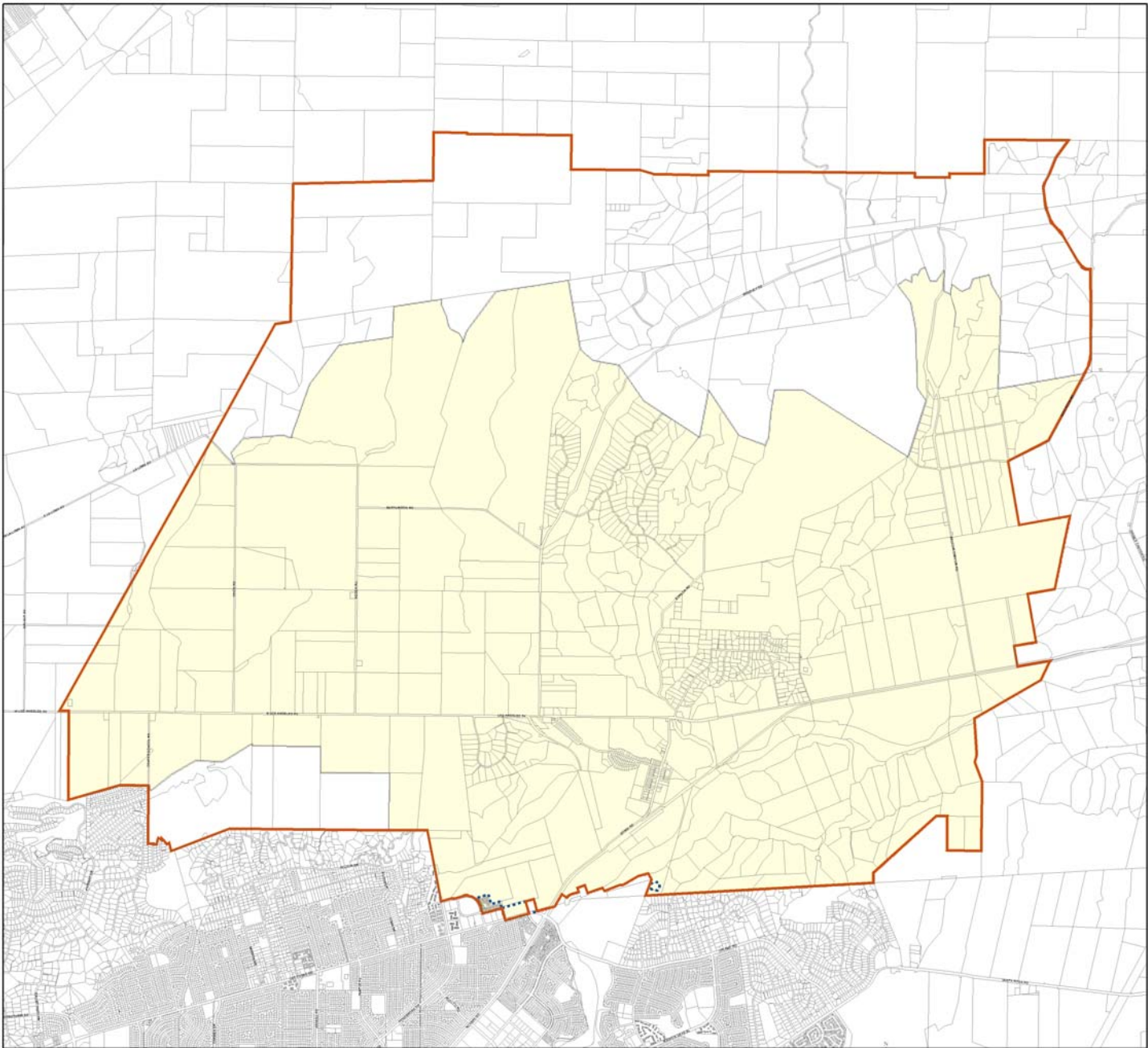
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Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission

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